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DEPT MAY WISH PASS TO BONN, WARSAW AND BERLIN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CANADIAN-EAST GERMAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

REF: STATE 144607

1. POL COUNSELOR INFORMED V. G. TURNER, DIRECTOR, EXTAFF
EASTERN EUROPEAN DIVISION, JULY 5, SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL
FOR WHICH HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION.

2. TURNER SAID THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN STATUS IN
THEIR OWN TALKS WITH THE GDR WHICH REMAIN STALLED OVER
ISSUE OF REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES. THEIR LAST EXCHANGE
TOOK PLACE MAY 14 IN WARSAW WHEN CANADIAN AMBASSADOR PRO-
POSED TO GDR AMBASSADOR THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE A
SEPARATE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON QUESTION OF DIVIDED
FAMILIES IF GDR DID NOT WISH INCLUDE SUBJECT IN PROPOSED
COMMUNIQUE CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS. GDR
REJECTED PROPOSAL.

3. WITH CANADIAN AMBASSADOR IN WARSAW GOING ON LEAVE SOON AND
NOT RETURNING UNTIL SEPTEMBER, TURNER SAID THERE WOULD
PROBABLY NOT BE A FURTHER EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO
GOVERNMENTS UNTIL FALL. HE EXPECTED THAT EXTAFF WOULD
SEEK REAFFIRMATION GOC POSITION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
AFTER JULY 8 ELECTION WHETHER SHARP REMAINS OR IS
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SUCCEEDED BY NEW PERSON.

4. FOR HIS PART, TURNER DOES NOT BELIEVE GOC SHOULD CONCEDE
ANYTHING ON THE ISSUE OF REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES AND SHOULD
NOT SETTLE FOR ANY LESS LANGUAGE THAN IT HOPES
WILL BE AGREED EVENTUALLY IN THE CSCE. HE REITERATED
CANADA HAS NO IMMEDIATE PLANS TO ESTABLISH A MISSION
IN GDR EVEN AFTER AGREEMENT IS REACHED.
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